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SUBJ/2011-2012 NAVY INFLUENZA VACCINATION AND REPORTING POLICY//

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NARR/REF A IS OPNAV INFLUENZA POLICY. REF B IS TRI-SERVICE IMMUNIZATION AND CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS INSTRUCTION. REF C IS THE NAVY INSTALLATION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. REF D IS THE NAVY INSTALLATION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM MANUAL. REF E IS ASD(HA) MEMO MANDATING DOD CIVILIAN HEALTHCARE WORKER INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATIONS. REF F IS THE CIVILIAN HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROGRAM OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES (CHAMPUS)/TRICARE: INCLUSION OF RETAIL NETWORK PHARMACIES AS AUTHORIZED TRICARE PROVIDERS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF TRICARE COVERED VACCINES.//

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RMKS/1. THIS PROMULGATES THE 2011-2012 INFLUENZA VACCINATION AND REPORTING GUIDANCE. INFLUENZA OR "FLU" HAS THE POTENTIAL TO IMPACT NAVY FORCE READINESS AND MISSION SIGNIFICANTLY. EACH YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES, INFLUENZA RESULTS IN OVER 25 MILLION REPORTED CASES, 150,000 HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND 24,000 DEATHS.

2. IN SUPPORT OF REFS A AND B, THE 2011-2012 INFLUENZA VACCINATION AND REPORTING POLICY AND INSTRUCTION FOLLOWS:

A. INFLUENZA PREVENTION. VACCINATION IS THE PRIMARY METHOD TO REDUCE RISK OF INFLUENZA. MAINTAINING A CLEAN WORK ENVIRONMENT, GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES, AND MANAGING WORKFORCE EXPOSURE (E.G., SOCIAL DISTANCING, TELE-WORKING, SICK LEAVE, ETC.) ARE SOME SIMPLE METHODS THAT WILL ALSO REDUCE RISK OF SPREADING INFLUENZA.

B. INFLUENZA VACCINE. THE SEASONAL TRIVALENT INFLUENZA VACCINE CONTAINS THREE INACTIVE VIRUS COMPONENTS BASED ON AN ESTIMATE OF THE MOST PREVALENT STRAINS FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. THE 2009 H1N1 PANDEMIC STRAIN IS INCORPORATED AS ONE OF THE THREE 2011-2012 SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE COMPONENTS. NEW INFLUENZA STRAINS WITH

THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME PANDEMIC HAVE NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR 2011-2012, BUT THE POSSIBILITY REMAINS THAT A NEW VIRUS STRAIN COULD EMERGE, BECOME A PANDEMIC AND REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE. THE ARMED FORCES HEALTH SURVEILLANCE CENTER WILL CLOSELY MONITOR THE EMERGENCE OF POTENTIAL NEW VIRUS

C. INFLUENZA VACCINE PRIORITY. DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NAVY SHIPS ARE VACCINE PRIORITY ONE IN 2011.

D. INFLUENZA VACCINE REQUISITIONS. THE NAVY ON-LINE VACCINE INFORMATION AND LOGISTICS SYSTEM (VIALS) WAS ESTABLISHED IN MARCH 2010 AS THE REQUISITION SYSTEM FOR SEASONAL AND NEW INFLUENZA VACCINES. NAVY VIALS REPLACES THE PREVIOUS PROCESS THROUGH WHICH COMMANDS INDIVIDUALLY REQUISITIONED VACCINE VIA MILSTRIP. NAVY VIALS SIMPLIFIES VACCINE REQUISITIONS AND ENABLES COMMANDS TO TRACK VACCINE ORDERS ON-LINE FROM REQUISITION TO RECEIPT. YOU CAN TRACK THESE ORDERS VIA THE VIALS WEB SITE AT [HTTPS://GOV_ONLY.NMLC.MED.NAVY.MIL/INT_CODE03/VIALS/](https://gov_only.nmlc.med.navy.mil/int_code03/vials/).

E. INFLUENZA VACCINE ORDERING. NAVY INFLUENZA VACCINE IS NOW BATCH-ORDERED BY NAVAL MEDICAL LOGISTICS COMMAND (NAVMEDLOGCOM) FROM THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA) USING COMMAND REQUIREMENTS IN NAVY VIALS. NAVY INFLUENZA VACCINE IS NOW CENTRALLY FUNDED.

F. INFLUENZA VACCINE DISTRIBUTION. THE 2011 FLU SEASON WILL BE EXECUTED AS IF NAVY IS IN A PANDEMIC EVENT. NAVY COMMANDS WILL TRACK VACCINE SHIPMENTS VIA VIALS, COORDINATE WITH NAVMEDLOGCOM AND THEIR SERVICING MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITY (MTF) TO DETERMINE WHEN INFLUENZA VACCINE WILL BE AVAILABLE, AND CONDUCT COMMAND-WIDE VACCINATIONS UPON VACCINE ARRIVAL.

G. INFLUENZA VACCINATION COMPLIANCE.

(1) NAVY MILITARY PERSONNEL. PER REFS A AND B, SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL DOD UNIFORMED PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT MEDICALLY OR ADMINISTRATIVELY EXEMPT. ALL NAVY ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENT (AC/RC) PERSONNEL, NOT MEDICALLY OR ADMINISTRATIVELY EXEMPT, MUST RECEIVE DOD INFLUENZA VACCINE(S). REFUSAL TO RECEIVE THE INFLUENZA VACCINE(S) MAY CONSTITUTE A FAILURE TO OBEY A LAWFUL ORDER AND MAY BE PUNISHABLE UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE (UCMJ) AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION. PRIOR TO RECEIVING THE INFLUENZA VACCINE, NAVY AC/RC PERSONNEL SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO DISCUSS OBJECTIONS OR CONCERNS WITH INFLUENZA VACCINATION(S).

(2) NAVY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. MANDATORY INFLUENZA VACCINATION(S) IS/ARE A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL CIVILIAN HEALTH CARE WORKERS PROVIDING DIRECT PATIENT CARE IN DOD MTFS PER REF (E). INFLUENZA VACCINATION(S) IS/ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL CIVILIANS WHERE IT IS WRITTEN IN THEIR POSITION DESCRIPTION AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT. OTHER NAVY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED TO RECEIVE INFLUENZA VACCINATION(S).

(3) TRICARE BENEFICIARIES. REF (F) ALLOWS FOR A TRICARE RETAIL NETWORK PHARMACY TO ADMINISTER THE SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE. TRICARE BENEFICIARIES MAY RECEIVE INFLUENZA VACCINATION WITH NO COPAY AT ANY RETAIL PHARMACY OFFERING VACCINES. CONTACT THE PHARMACY TO SEE IF THEY HAVE AN AGE RESTRICTION. SOME PHARMACIES DO NOT ADMINISTER THE FLU VACCINE TO INDIVIDUALS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE.

H. INFLUENZA VACCINATION REPORTING

(1) OPERATIONAL VACCINATION REPORTING. OPERATIONAL REPORTING VIA THE NAVY FAMILY ACCOUNTABILITY AND ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (NFAAS) HAS CEASED AND IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE 2011 INFLUENZA SEASON. **NAVY FORCE VACCINATION WILL BE MONITORED VIA THE MEDICAL READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM (MRRS).**

I. NAVY'S GOALS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

(1) NAVY UNITS HAVE 72 HOURS (THREE WORKING DAYS) TO DOCUMENT, ADMINISTER, AND REPORT VACCINATION FROM TIME OF VACCINE RECEIPT. NAVY RESERVE COMPONENT (RC) UNITS HAVE ONE DRILL WEEKEND TO DOCUMENT, ADMINISTER, AND REPORT VACCINATION FROM TIME OF VACCINE RECEIPT. IF SHIPMENTS ARRIVE WITH TEMPERATURE SENSORS IN AN ALARMED STATUS, THE CLOCK BEGINS AT THE TIME THE VACCINE IS APPROVED FOR ADMINISTRATION BY DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA). UNIT SITREPS ARE REQUIRED IF VACCINE SHIPMENTS TO COMMANDS OR COMMAND VACCINATIONS ARE DELAYED. COMMANDS WILL COORDINATE WITH THE SERVICING MTF TO ALIGN COMMAND-WIDE VACCINATIONS WITH VACCINE ARRIVAL. MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT SERVICING MTFs WILL EXPEDITIOUSLY REPORT VACCINATIONS IN THE MEDICAL READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM (MRRS).

(2) THE NAVY'S VACCINATION GOAL IS 90 PERCENT VACCINATED BY 01 DEC 2011 FOR ACTIVE COMPONENT, 90 PERCENT VACCINATED BY 31 DEC 2011 FOR RESERVE COMPONENT, AND 100 PERCENT VACCINE ACCESS FOR TOTAL NAVY FAMILY (INCLUDES DEPENDENTS, BENEFICIARIES, DON CIVILIANS).

(3) INFLUENZA VACCINATION PERFORMANCE STANDARDS. THE FOLLOWING MILESTONES WILL BE MONITORED:

- NAVY VIALS REPORTS 1.0 MILLION VACCINE DOSES ORDERED FOR TOTAL NAVY FAMILY BY 31 JUL 2011*
- NAVY VIALS REPORTS 100% OF FLEET DOSES SHIPPED BY 30 SEP 2011*
- NAVY VIALS REPORTS 70% VACCINE DOSES SHIPPED TO NAVY UNITS BY 30 SEP 2011*
- NAVY VIALS REPORTS 70% VACCINE RECEIVED BY NAVY UNITS BY 01 NOV 2011*
- MRRS REPORTS 70% OF ACTIVE COMPONENT VACCINATED BY 15 NOV 2011*
- MRRS REPORTS 70% OF RESERVE COMPONENT VACCINATED BY 01 DEC 2011*
- NAVY VIALS REPORTS 100% VACCINE RECEIVED BY NAVY UNITS BY 01 DEC 2011*
- MRRS REPORTS 90% OF ACTIVE COMPONENT VACCINATED BY 01 DEC 2011*
- MRRS REPORTS 90% OF RESERVE COMPONENT VACCINATED BY 31 DEC 2011*

*DEPENDENT ON DLA RECEIVING 70% OF CONTRACTED VACCINE BY 31 AUG 2011 AND 100% BY 30 SEP 2011.

J. COMMANDER, NAVY INSTALLATIONS COMMAND (CINC) AND NAVY BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY (BUMED) WILL COORDINATE AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON CONDUCTING A MASS VACCINATION (SHOTEX) AT SELECT INSTALLATIONS. THE SELECTED REGION WILL ADMINISTER A SHOTEX WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE 2011 INFLUENZA (FLU) VACCINE. CINC AND BUMED WILL PROVIDE OBJECTIVES AND EXECUTION TIMELINE VIA SEPCOR.

3. IMPROVEMENTS TO NAVY'S INFLUENZA VACCINATION REQUISITION,

ORDERING, DISTRIBUTION, COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING PROCEDURES ARE FOCUSED ON ENSURING NAVY FORCE READINESS AND MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT BY VACCINATING THE FORCE AS QUICKLY AS THE VACCINE IS AVAILABLE. IT IS CRUCIAL THAT COMMANDS ATTAIN THE NAVY VACCINATION GOAL OF 90 PERCENT BY 1 DECEMBER FOR AC AND 90 PERCENT BY 31 DECEMBER FOR RC TO ENSURE FORCE READINESS.

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